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– the newest
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Manager!*

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The Environmental Loans E-Bulletin is written by staff in the WI DNR Environmental Loans Section to provide up-to-date information on both the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). These E-Bulletins are sent periodically to alert you to upcoming deadlines, highlight program changes and provide assistance on topics that need clarification.

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DNR Awarded SFY 2013 Capitalization Grants

The DNR was awarded the FFY 2012/SFY 2013 Capitalization Grant for both the CWFP and the SDWLP, making funding available now for SFY 2013 applications. With updated budgets provided to project managers, we are finalizing the funding lists. The SDWLP final funding list is now available on the web at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/LoanNews.html#tabx2>. The CWFP final funding list will be posted within the next week.

Conditional Principal Forgiveness

Principal forgiveness for SFY 2013 projects cannot be awarded until legislation authorizing us to award those funds is introduced and passed by the new legislature, which convenes in January. Until then, Financial Assistance Agreements for projects to which principal forgiveness is allocated on the final funding list will include language identifying the principal forgiveness as “conditional”, meaning the principal forgiveness won’t occur until after the legislature acts. Be sure to work closely with your project manager to understand the implications of this language and to help identify the best timing for your loan closing. Loan-only projects can proceed with their closings without modified FAA language.

Davis Bacon Interviews

EPA has informed us that at some point in the near future, conducting Davis-Bacon related interviews will no longer be required. While we don't have an exact date yet, we anticipate this change will be finalized in the near future. Stay tuned for when this change becomes effective!

Keep Your Paperwork Handy!

Many federal agencies continue to conduct audits and file reviews on projects receiving federal funds, especially considering the large number of projects and significant dollar amounts invested in our infrastructure as part of the stimulus program. Be sure to keep copies of important paperwork – including your Davis-Bacon and Buy American documentation - accessible for federal contractors conducting reviews and/or audits on these projects.

2 New Project Managers in the EL Section

Welcome Laurie Fike and Sam Scully as new DNR Project Managers!

Laurie Fike previously worked with the DNR Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program for the past 14 years. She also coordinated the statewide Wisconsin Deer Donation Program since its inception in the fall of 2000. Prior to that, Laurie was the Peshtigo and Marinette Service Center manager.

Sam Scully-Jordt is also working with us on a short-term basis to help with the upcoming loans needing to be closed before our June 30th, 2013 deadline. Prior to this position, Sam worked in the EL Section doing outreach, assisting with the Needs Survey and providing other critical support for our program.

Please welcome both Sam and Laurie to the Environmental Loans Section! Their contact information is on the front page of this E-bulletin.



Did you know???

Air Permits May Be Needed

Your wastewater treatment facility may need an air permit in order to comply with DNR Air Program regulations, especially if your facility burns biogas in a boiler or a generator for its power supply. If your facility consists solely of emergency generators, then you do not need an air pollution control permit.

The air registration permit allows small wastewater treatment facilities to quickly register themselves for a permit in return for keeping air emissions low. Information on the Air Management Registration Permit for WWT Plants is available on the WDNR web site at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/am/AM488.pdf>.

Look for additional information to help WWT Plant operators understand the air management regulations to be posted soon. Meanwhile, DNR staff are able to help you understand the air permit requirements – contact Kristin Hart at 608-273-5605, Kristin.hart@wisconsin.gov, or Susan Lindem, 608-275-5606, susan.lindem@wisconsin.gov.

Environmental Loans Staff recently toured the Evansville Wastewater Treatment Plant which used ARRA funds to enhance energy efficiency

REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL CME PRIOR TO YOUR PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING!

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The SFY 2014 ITA/PERF Submittal Season is Almost Here!

New ITA forms are now posted for the CWFP and SDWLP ITA forms will be posted shortly. Please use these new forms to help expedite ITA processing.

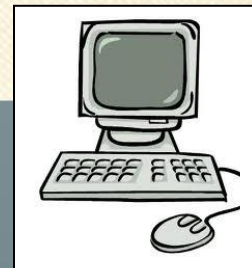
You can also help us get the information you need on the web as quickly as possible! As we receive the new ITAs/PERFs, we check the entity information against our database to update any changes. If the information contained in the ITAs are inconsistent or incorrect, we spend significant time amending the database, rather than spending that time logging the ITAs.

Here are a few suggestions to help us expedite processing the ITAs!

- ❖ Keep your business contact information up-to-date! If your main numbers/addresses have changed, send us that information now so we can update our database before the ITA season starts.
- ❖ Identify the main phone number for your firm on the ITA form. Our database has your main entity's information first, with direct numbers added inside the individual's profile. Simply attach a note to add individual phone numbers to our records.
- ❖ Use the most up-to-date form on our website (<http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/forms/forms.html>). If possible, prepare a 'template' for everyone in your office to use containing accurate addresses and phone numbers for your entity.
- ❖ Confirm the municipality's information including addresses and/or PO Boxes. Check to be sure PO Box numbers are correct; many smaller communities are eliminating them.

Remember – We cannot complete the PERF scoring process unless the **required documentation** is submitted to the agency.

Check the Web!



You can now look on-line to see if we received your ITA form. Last year, we sent "ITA Received letters" to more than 500 entities after logging in the ITA forms. We also routinely updated ITA Received logs on the web showing the list of ITAs received prior to January 1, and the postmark date for those received after January 1.

This year, we will not be sending out ITA received letters, but instead updating the log on the web on a regular basis.

The web should be used as the confirmation that your project's ITA has indeed been received by the DNR. The ITA log is posted on the EL web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/LoanNews.html>.

21st Annual Funding Workshop set for November 14th

On November 14th, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association is hosting a Funding Sources workshop for drinking water and wastewater projects. The workshop will address available funding options for wastewater and drinking water systems. Speakers including Rick Mealy of the Wisconsin DNR and George Bowman of the state Lab of Hygiene will address the DNR's Phosphorus Rule and the issues that facilities will have in their processes and laboratory testing in order to be compliant. Kathy Butzlaff of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission will discuss "Changes in PSC 184 & 185 Related to Construction and Conservation".

See <http://www.wrwa.org/index.php/7-homepage-items/in-the-news> for the proposed workshop agenda. The workshop will take place at the Wisconsin Rural Water Association Technology Center, 351 Water Way in Plover. Workshop registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Presentations begin at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude by 12:00 noon. There is NO CHARGE for attending the workshop, and pre-registration is not requested.

Participating Agencies include the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, the Wisconsin Community Action Program, the Wisconsin Department of Administration-Division of Intergovernmental Relations, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands – State Trust Funds, and USDA Rural Development.

Clean Watersheds Needs Survey Completed!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped Wisconsin complete our EPA Needs Survey for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund! Becky Scott has worked endless hours gathering information from various municipalities throughout the state and is in the final process of submitting all of Wisconsin's information to EPA within their timeline. This information is critical for maintaining sufficient funding for our wastewater and storm water infrastructure improvement projects in the future. With your help, we hope that Wisconsin's future needs are reported as accurately as possible, and that sufficient funding continues in the future.

CMEs Play Critical Role

Remember that one of the advocates for your municipality throughout the Environmental Loans process is your Regional Construction Management Engineer (CME). Involving them early in the process and keeping them informed of project progress will help make the loan transaction process smooth and efficient. While project managers can answer funding related issues, they rely heavily on the CMEs to review and approve change orders, to discuss eligible costs and provide updates regarding project status. Contact information for your CME is found on the bottom of page 1.

EL Staff and CMEs visit Altoona WWT Plant

